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Invention: *Device for the Separation of Plastic Cards*

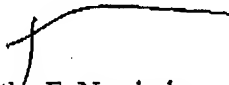
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request an update on the status of the above-referenced patent application since nearly *eighteen (18) months* have passed since the filing the patent application in which no Office Action has been issued to date.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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